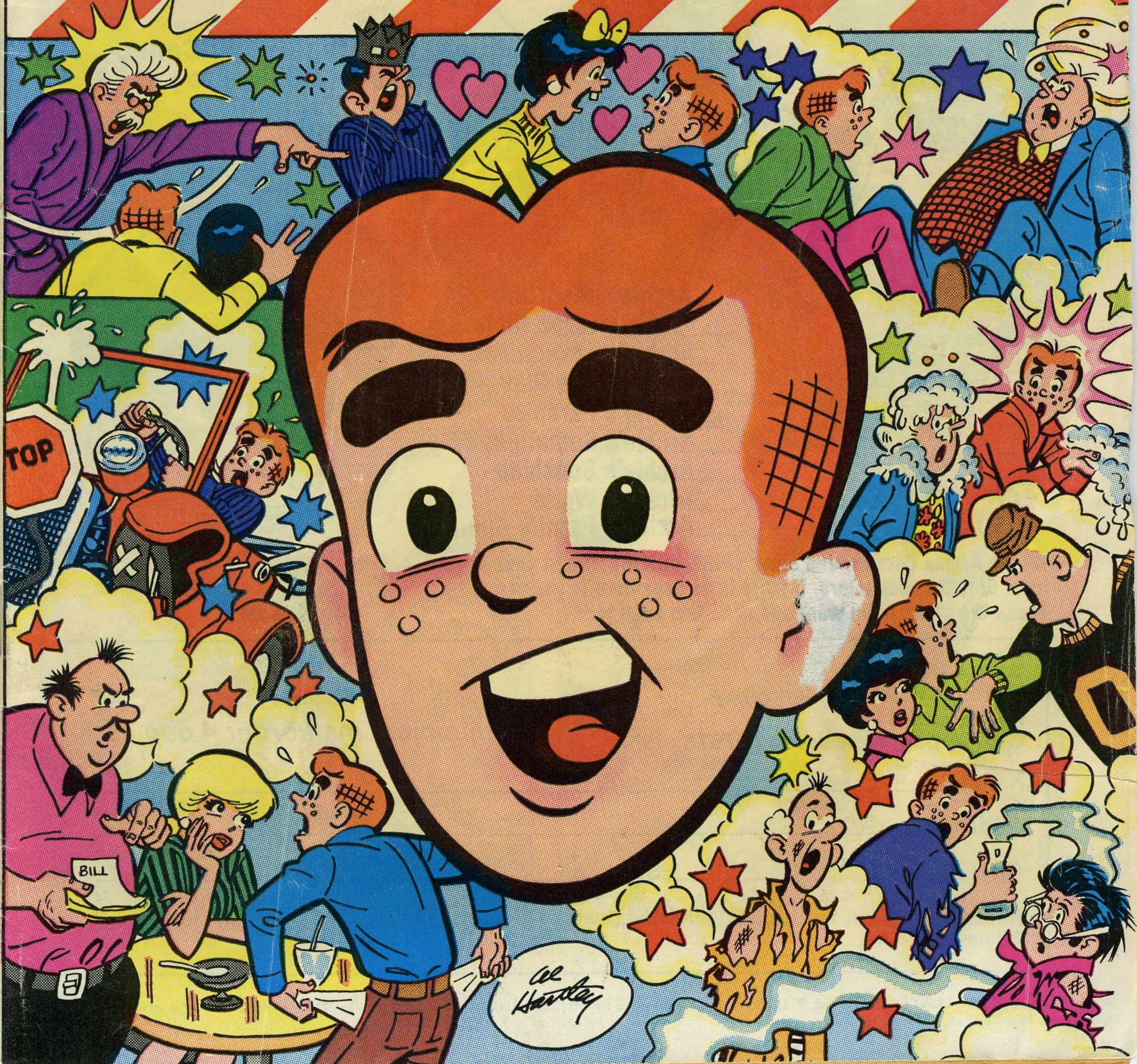
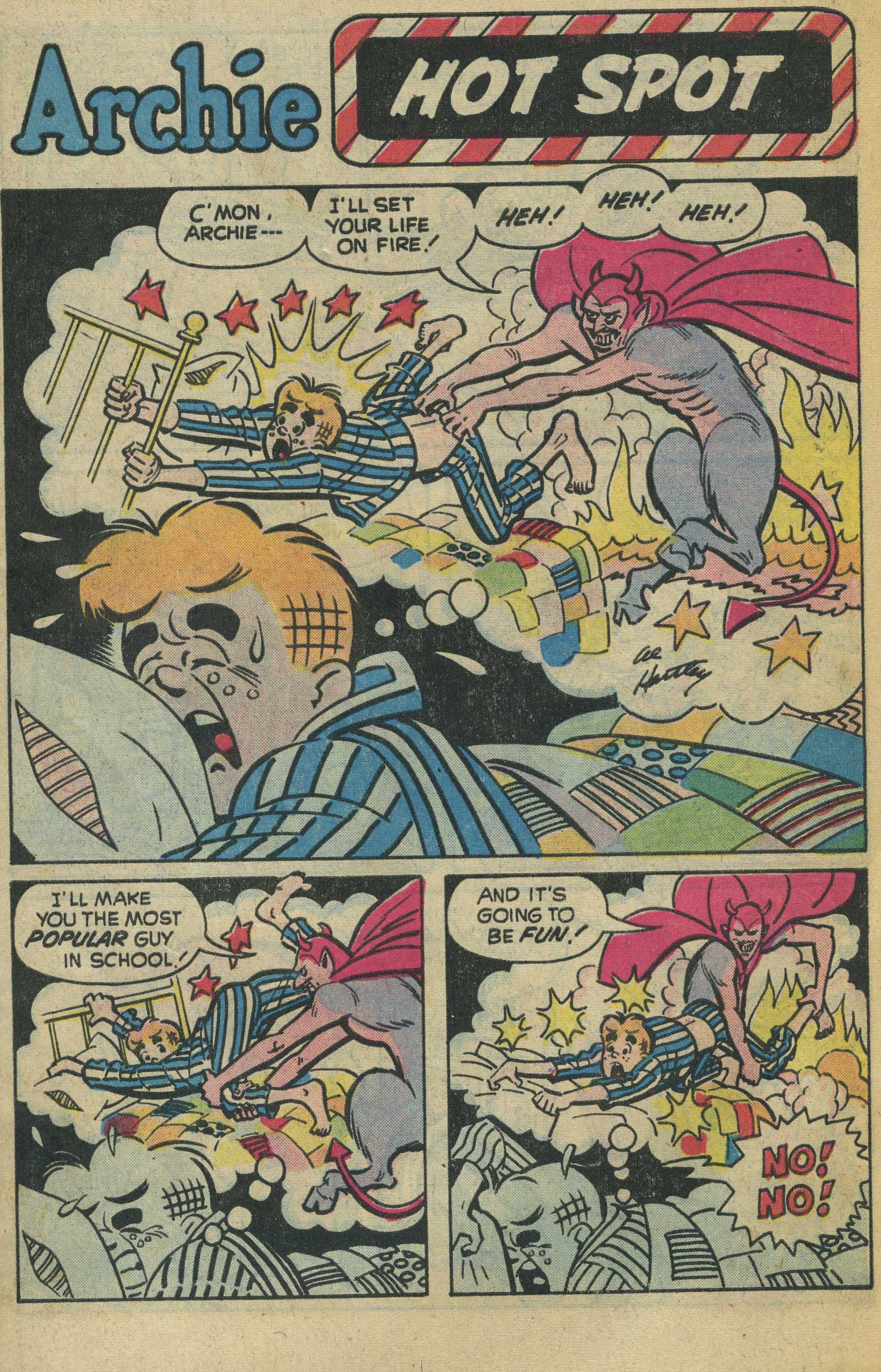
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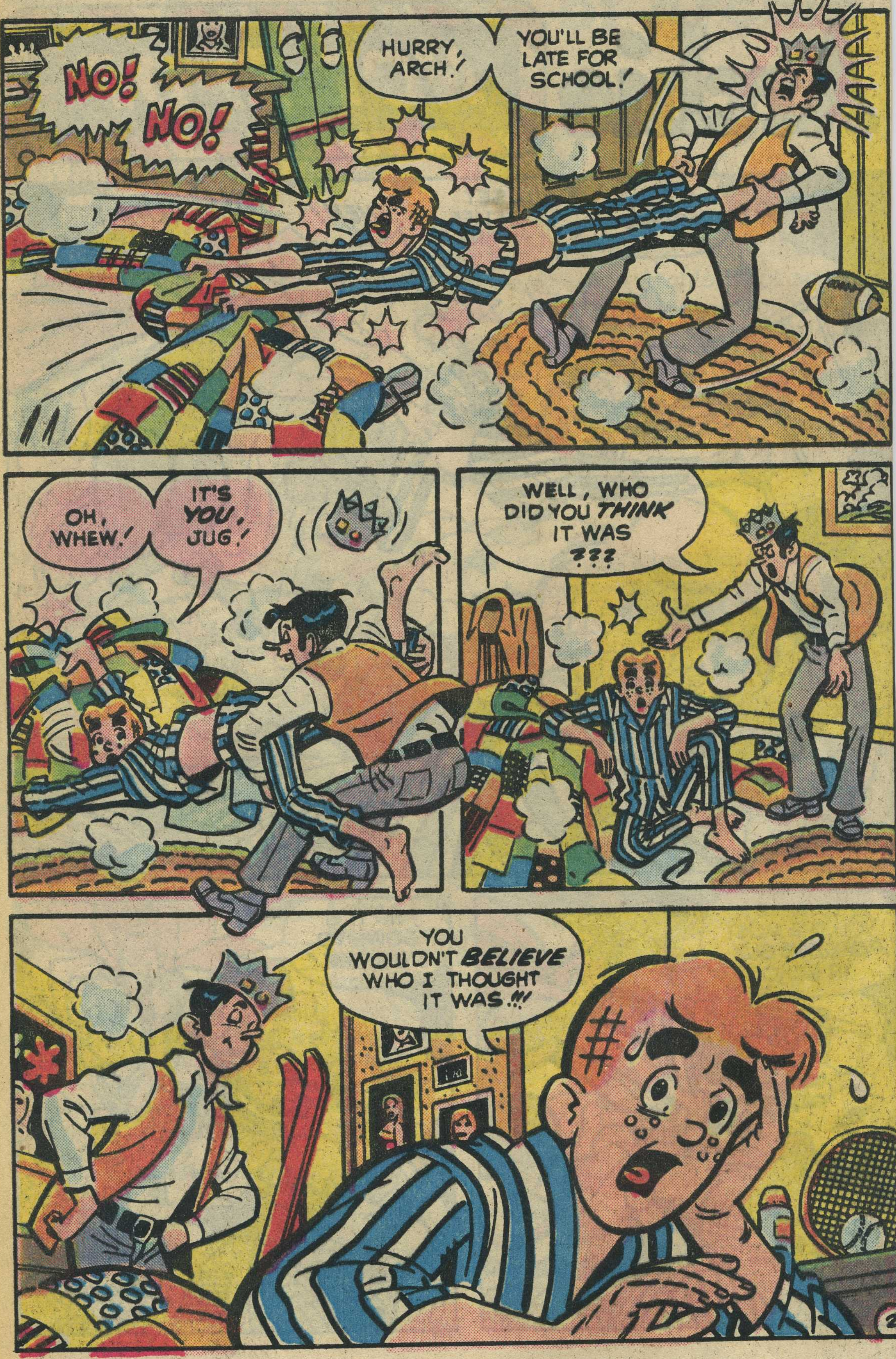
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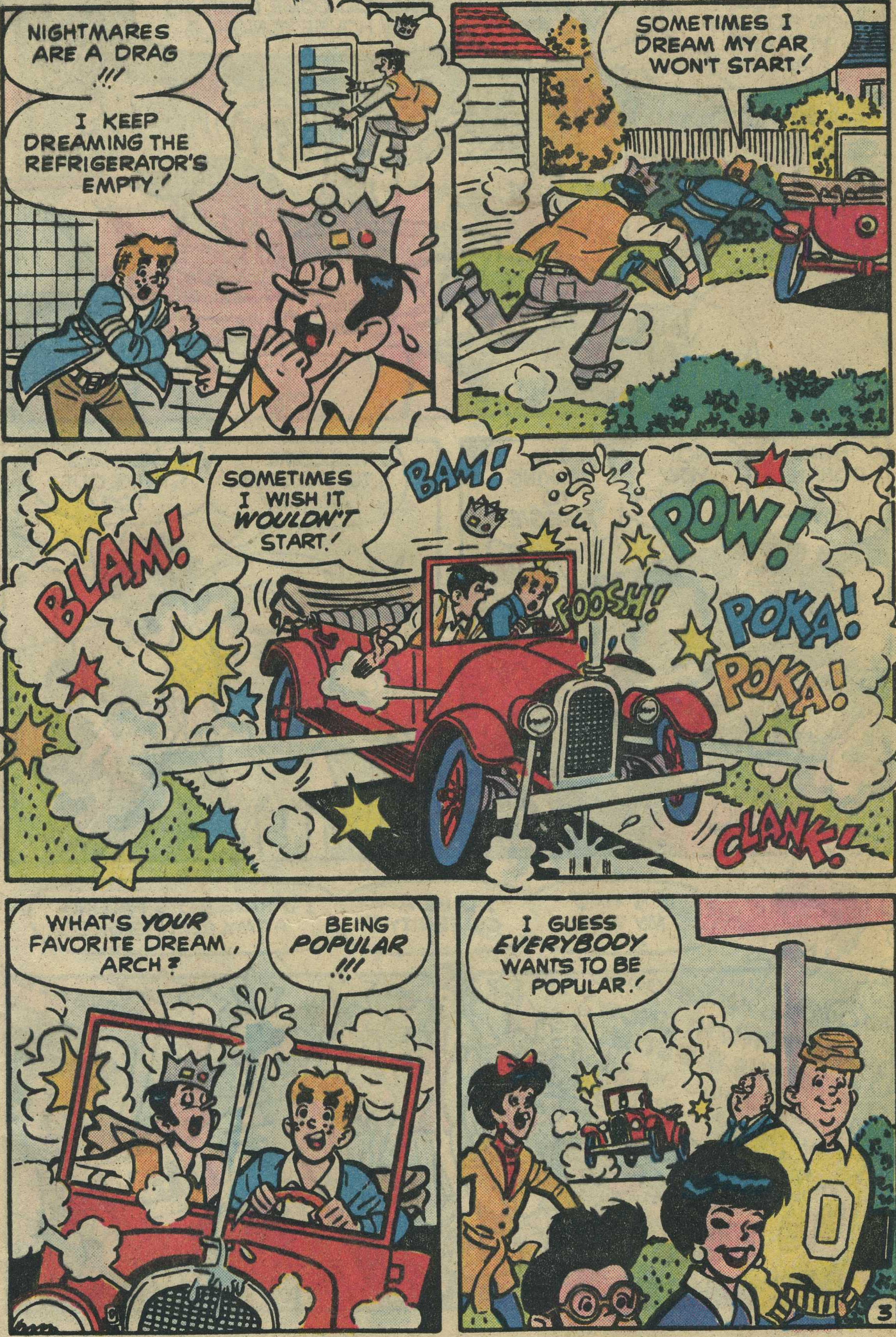
Archie's

CLEAN SLATE!




Archie
HOT SPOT
C'MON, ARCHIE---
I'LL SET YOUR LIFE ON FIRE!
HEH! HEH! HEH!
I'LL MAKE YOU THE MOST POPULAR GUY IN SCHOOL!
AND IT'S GOING TO BE FUN!
NO! NO!


NO! NO!
HURRY, ARCH.!
YOU'LL BE LATE FOR SCHOOL.!
OH, WHEW.!
IT'S YOU, JUG.!
WELL, WHO DID YOU THINK IT WAS ???
YOU WOULDN'T BELIEVE WHO I THOUGHT IT WAS.!!!
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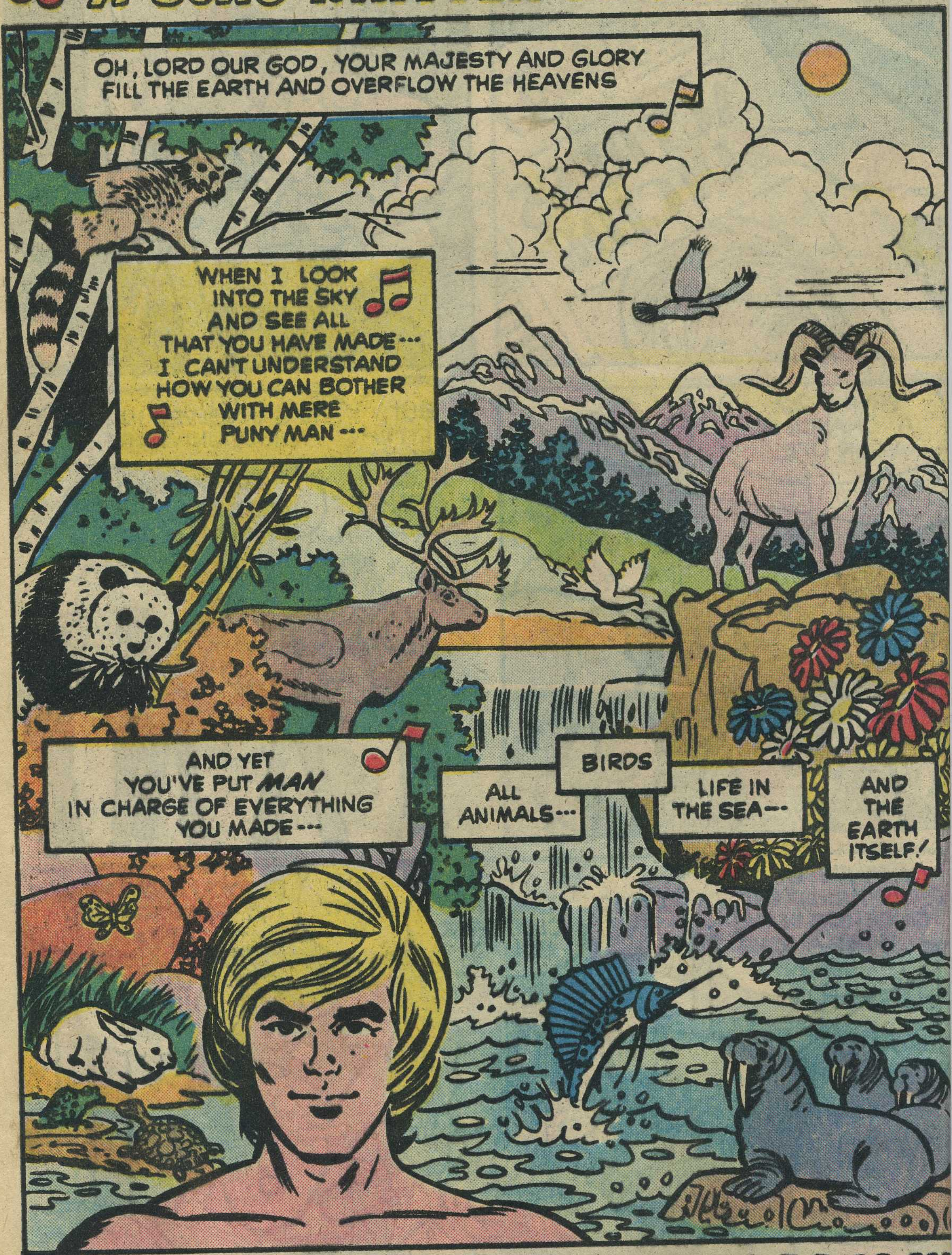

NIGHTMARES ARE A DRAG !!!
I KEEP DREAMING THE REFRIGERATOR'S EMPTY!
SOMETIMES I DREAM MY CAR WON'T START!
SOMETIMES I WISH IT WOULDN'T START!
BLAM!
BAM!
POW!
FOOSH!
POKA!
POKA!
CLANK!
WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE DREAM, ARCH?
BEING POPULAR !!!
I GUESS EVERYBODY WANTS TO BE POPULAR!
3


WELL, LOOK HOW POPULAR YOU ARE, ARCH!
OH, THERE YOU ARE!
WILL YOU COME OVER TO MY HOUSE TONIGHT?
HIGH SCHOOL
SURE, RONNIE, I'D LOVE---
NOT YOU ARCHIE---
I'M TALKING TO REGGIE!
WELCOME TO THE CLUB, ARCHIE!
I ALWAYS STRIKE OUT, TOO!
IF I HAD MY WISH---
I'D BE A CELEBRITY!!!
I'D HAVE BOYS FALLING AT MY FEET! SIGH!!!
THE TONIGHT SHOW STARRING BIG ETHEL
BIG ETHEL
TIME
NEWSWE



SOME GIRLS HAVE FOUND THAT POPULARITY ISN'T THE ANSWER, ETHEL!
ACTRESS SUICIDE
WELL, WHAT IS THE ANSWER ?
THAT'S EASY---
GIVE GOD A CHANCE IN YOUR LIFE!
BUT, BETTY--- GOD IS SO BIG!
HE'S INVOLVED IN THE WHOLE UNIVERSE!
HOW COULD HE BE INTERESTED IN MY LITTLE LIFE ?
Y' KNOW, ETHEL--- DAVID ASKED THAT QUESTION IN THE BIBLE A LONG TIME AGO!
DAVID ???
THE ONE WHO CLOBBERED GOLIATH ?
RIGHT !!!
DID YOU KNOW HE WAS A SONG WRITER ???
JUST TURN THE PAGE!
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A SONG WRITTEN BY DAVID*



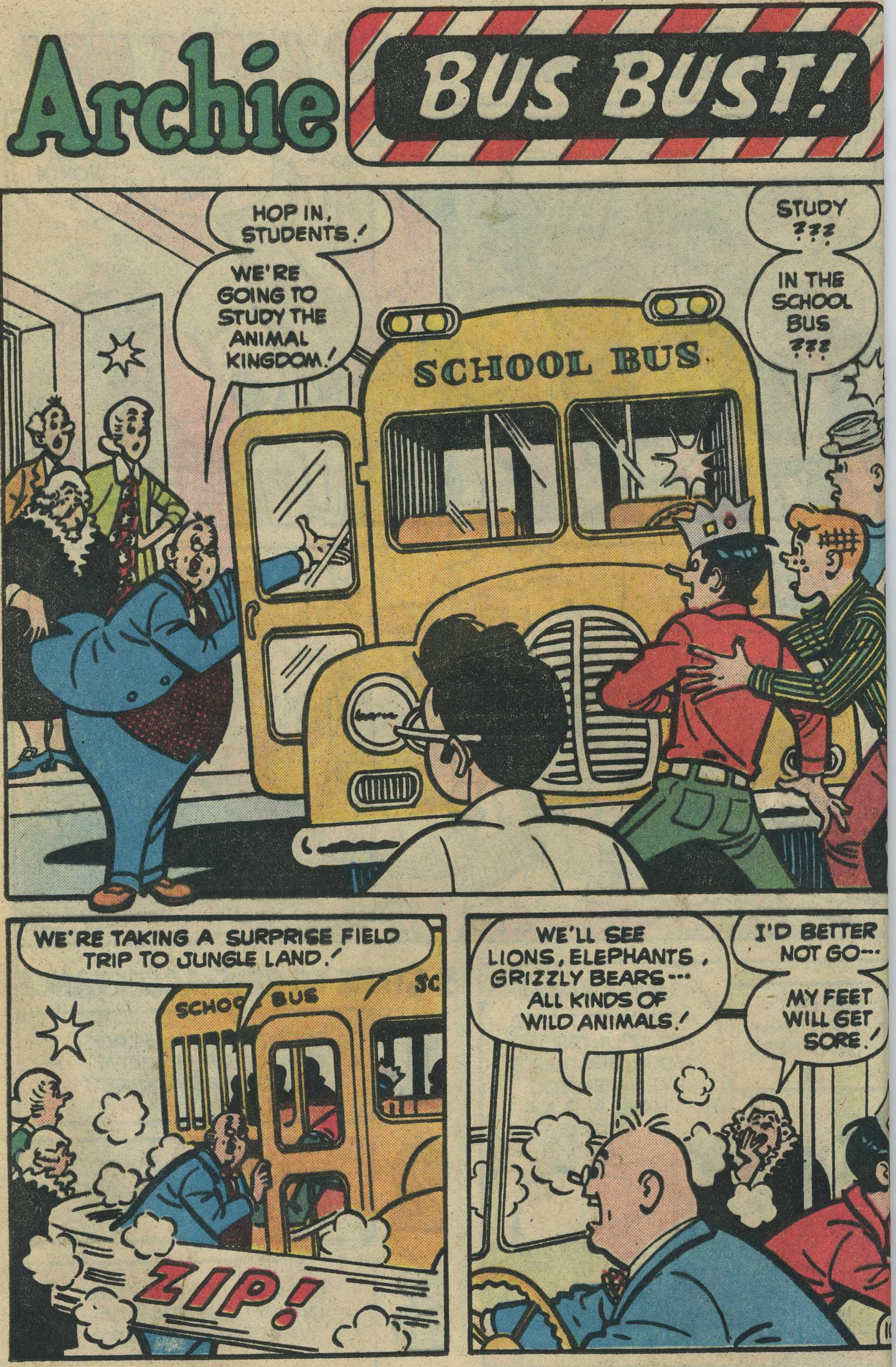
* YOU CAN READ DAVID'S ENTIRE SONG IN THE BIBLE... IT'S KNOWN AS PSALM 8 !!!


BUT IF GOD LOVES US SO MUCH---
AND GAVE US SO MUCH AUTHORITY---
WHY IS THE WORLD IN SUCH A MESS ???
BECAUSE PEOPLE HAVE REBELLED AGAINST GOD!
WHEN GOD CREATED US HE GAVE US FREE WILL!
GOD DOESN'T WANT ROBOTS!
WE HAVE THE CHOICE OF HONORING GOD---
OR DISHONORING HIM!
AND THE BIBLE TELLS US WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE GO OUR OWN WAY---
WHEN YOU TURN YOUR BACK ON GOD, HE WILL LET YOU LIVE YOUR OWN LIFE-STYLE--- AND LET YOU SUFFER THE CONSEQUENCES!
ROMANS, CHAPTER ONE
WOW! GOD SEES THINGS A LOT BETTER THAN WE DO.!!!
7


MAN'S VALUES
GOD'S VALUES
GOD, WHY DID YOU STICK ME WITH THESE TEETH?
WHY CAN'T I PLAY THE GUITAR BETTER?
GOD GAVE ME THE FACE, BODY AND ABILITIES I'VE GOT!
AND I'M GLAD HE DID!
APPEARANCE --- ISAIAH 45:9
ABILITIES --- II CORINTHIANS 10:12
APPEARANCE --- I SAMUEL 16:7
ABILITIES --- EXODUS 4:10, 11
THEY SAY GOD CREATED ALL THINGS---
IF WHAT I SEE IN THE MIRROR IS AN EXAMPLE---
FORGET IT!!!
DEFECTS HAVE A PURPOSE---
LIKE A GRAIN OF SAND---
THEY CAN IRRITATE OR MAKE A PEARL!
I REJECT THE SELF THAT GOD CREATED!
I REJECT GOD'S AUTHORITY!
I'LL TAKE IT OUT ON ALL AUTHORITY!!!
KEEP OFF THE GRASS
GOD'S NOT FINISHED YET!
THE OUTER PERSON IS THE FRAME!
THE INNER PERSON IS THE REAL PICTURE!
THE PICTUR DE- SERVE MORE ATTEN TION THAN TH FRAME

MAN PUTS DOWN - GOD LIFTS UP!




Archie
BUS BUST!
HOP IN, STUDENTS!
WE'RE GOING TO STUDY THE ANIMAL KINGDOM!
SCHOOL BUS
STUDY ???
IN THE SCHOOL BUS ???
WE'RE TAKING A SURPRISE FIELD TRIP TO JUNGLE LAND!
ZIP!
WE'LL SEE LIONS, ELEPHANTS, GRIZZLY BEARS--- ALL KINDS OF WILD ANIMALS!
I'D BETTER NOT GO---
MY FEET WILL GET SORE!


OH, WE DON'T WALK THROUGH JUNGLE LAND---
WE DRIVE!
DRIVE ???
THAT'S RIGHT!
THE WILD ANIMALS ROAM LOOSE AND WE---
ROAM LOOSE ???
SUPPOSE WE GET A FLAT TIRE ?
DON'T GET UP-TIGHT, MISS HAGGLY---
WE'RE PERFECTLY SAFE!
HERE WE ARE AT JUNGLE LAND!
GASP!
I'M AFRAID TO LOOK!
JUNGLE LAND
LOOK AT ALL THE ANIMALS!
I SEE A COUGAR!
THERE'S A MUSTANG!
AND A YELLOW PINTO!
11



ISN'T THIS FUN, MISS HAGGLY?
I'M STILL SCARED!
SORRY FOR THE DELAY, FOLKS!
RIVERDALE
SCHOOL BUS
A VOLKSWAGEN RAN INTO A RHINOCEROS UP AHEAD!
GRACIOUS!
WAS THERE ANY DAMAGE?
SCHOOL BUS
THE RHINOCEROS WALKED AWAY OKAY---
BUT WE DON'T KNOW ABOUT THE VW---
--- IT'S STILL UP IN THE TREE!
I'M GOING TO OPEN MY WINDOW---
AND GET A BETTER LOOK!


ZIP!
STOP!
STOP!
HE STOLE MY LUNCH!
RIVERDA
CLOSE THE WINDOW, JUG---
WE'RE GETTING EXHAUST FUMES IN HERE!
RIVERDALE
Y' KNOW, BETTY---
IN SPITE OF ALL THE EXHAUST EMISSIONS I CAN SEE THINGS VERY CLEARLY---
GOD GAVE MAN DOMINION OVER EVERYTHING HE MADE---
IT COULD BE CLEAR SAILING---
BUT SO FAR MAN HAS MISSED THE BOAT!
SCHOOL BUS
RIVERDALE
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PLEASE TURN---
THE PAGE---
FOR SOME---
VERY SPECIAL---
ANIMALS!

Phenomenal Animals!!!



THE WOLF SHALL DWELL WITH THE LAMB---

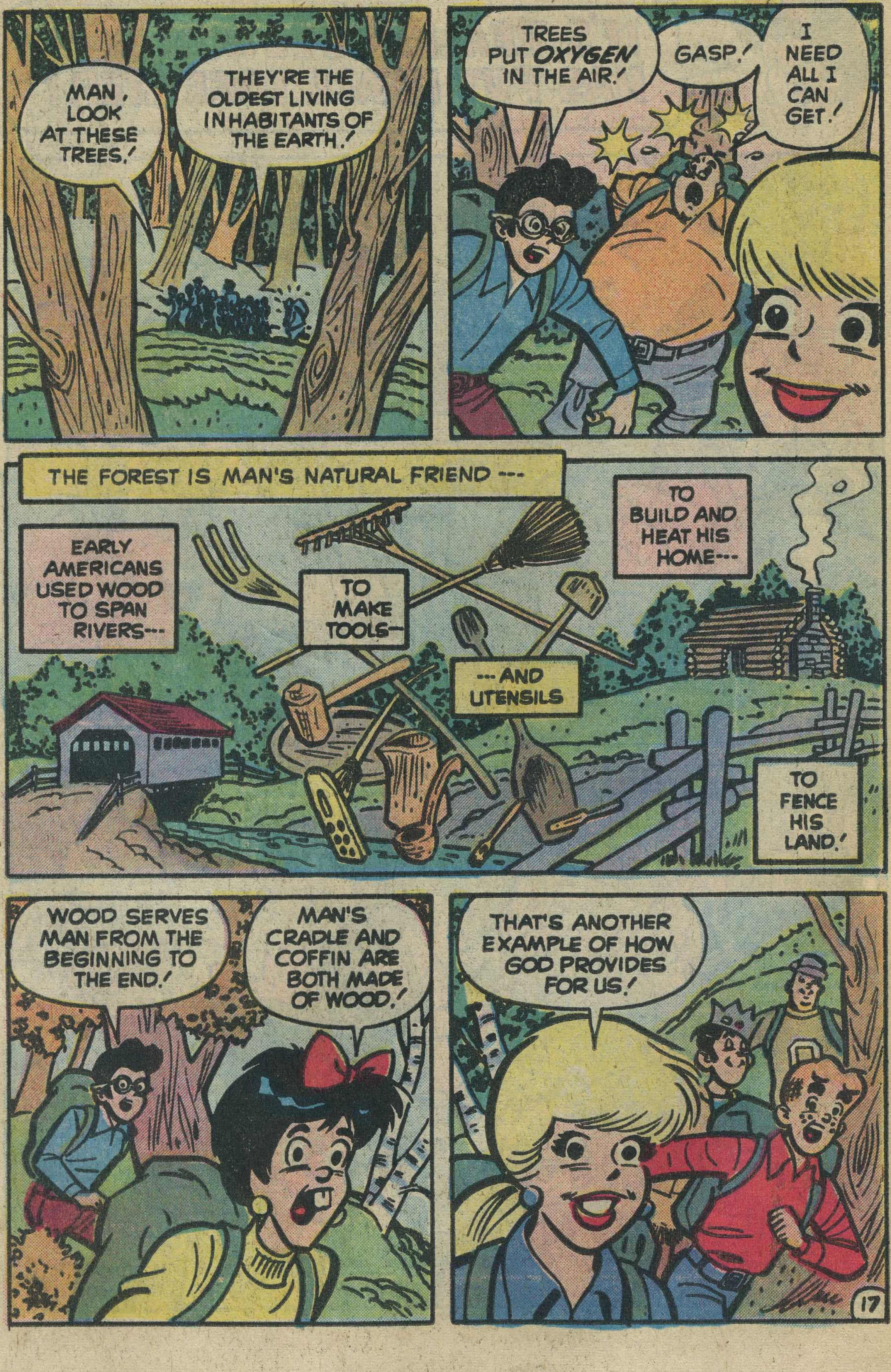
--- AND THE LEOPARD SHALL LIE DOWN WITH THE KID---

AND THE CALF WITH THE LION!

ISAIAH 11:6


Archie
1, 2, 3, HIKE!
THAT TRIP TO JUNGLE LAND WAS AN ECOLOGICAL BOMB!
DON'T RUB IT IN!
LET'S GET WITH IT AND TAKE THE STUDENTS BACK-PACKING!
HMMM--- I USED TO BE A FANTASTIC HIKER!
IT'S A GOOD WAY TO APPRECIATE NATURE!
HOWEVER, IT'S BEEN 30 YEARS SINCE I HIKED!
15


JUST 15 MORE MILES TO OUR CAMPSITE!
PUFF!
PUFF!
HOW DID I GET TALKED INTO THIS?
GROAN!
LET'S STOP AND EAT!
I'M STARVED!
JUG, DO YOU ALWAYS HAVE TO THINK OF FOOD?
WHY CAN'T YOU ENJOY THE SCENERY?
I AM!
BUT YOU LOOK AT A COW YOUR WAY---
--- AND I'LL LOOK AT IT MY WAY!
16


MAN, LOOK AT THESE TREES!
THEY'RE THE OLDEST LIVING INHABITANTS OF THE EARTH!
TREES PUT OXYGEN IN THE AIR!
GASP!
I NEED ALL I CAN GET!
THE FOREST IS MAN'S NATURAL FRIEND ---
EARLY AMERICANS USED WOOD TO SPAN RIVERS---
TO MAKE TOOLS--
--- AND UTENSILS
TO BUILD AND HEAT HIS HOME---
TO FENCE HIS LAND!
WOOD SERVES MAN FROM THE BEGINNING TO THE END!
MAN'S CRADLE AND COFFIN ARE BOTH MADE OF WOOD!
THAT'S ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF HOW GOD PROVIDES FOR US!
17



IT'S REALLY COOL HOW GOD HAS PUT IT ALL TOGETHER!
HE MADE THE MOUNTAINS---
---WE MAKE THE TRAILS!
R
HE MADE THE RIVERS---
---WE BUILD THE BRIDGES!
18


AND GOD'S NOT JUST OUT THERE...
...KEEPING THE UNIVERSE IN ORDER...
HE'S RIGHT HERE...
...WILLING TO KEEP OUR LIVES IN ORDER!
19
IF WE WALK WITH GOD, HE'LL KEEP THINGS TOGETHER...
AND JESUS' BLOOD WILL WASH THE SLATE CLEAN
I JOHN 1:7


VOTE FOR THE GREATEST TEACHER!!!
BEFORE YOU CAST YOUR BALLOT, TAKE A GOOD LOOK AT THE CANDIDATES!
MISS GRUNDY
MR. WEATHERBEE
COACH KLEATS
MISS BEAZLEY
PROF. FLUTESNOOT
MISS HAGGLY
VY CAN'T I GET IN THIS?
VOTE HERE
OKAY--- NOW STEP INTO DILTON'S VOTING MACHINE AND MAKE YOUR CHOICE!
20


THE POLLS ARE CLOSED!
THE GREATEST TEACHER IS---
VOT HER
JESUS OF NAZARETH!
BUT HE LIVED 2000 YEARS AGO!
TRUE---
--- BUT HE AROSE FROM THE DEAD IN ONE OF THE BEST RECORDED EVENTS IN HISTORY!
AND HE LIVES TODAY IN THE LIVES OF ALL WHO TRULY BELIEVE IN HIM!
WELL, I DON'T MIND LOSING TO HIM!!!
HOW CAN YOU LOSE WHEN HE'S NUMBER ONE ???
21
AND JESUS IS MORE THAN A GREAT TEACHER... MORE THAN A FINE EXAMPLE... HE'S GOD!


MISS HAGGLY
MY MUSIC CLASS IS SUCH A JOY!
MUSIC ROOM
BILLY PRESTON CUT THAT RECORD!
WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?
WE PLAY A RECORD AND THEN WE SEE WHO CAN IDENTIFY THE ARTIST!
?
I GUESSED THAT RECORD AFTER HEARING ONLY TWO NOTES!
WELL, AHEM---
TURN THAT RECORD PLAYER OFF!
I'M GOING TO PLAY MY CELLO!
HER CELLO???
22



THE WORDS OF THIS POPULAR SONG WERE TAKEN FROM CHAPTER 3 OF ECCLESIASTES IN THE BIBLE---

KING SOLOMON WROTE IT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE!


Archie
PUT TO THE TEST!
WOW! THAT WAS A ROUGH EXAM!
I THINK I FLUNKED!
NO SWEAT, GUYS!
I HAD THE ANSWERS RIGHT AT MY FINGERTIPS!
HEH! HEH!
PRETTY COOL, EH?
BUT, JERRY---
THAT'S CHEATING!!!
YOU KNOW IT---
AND I KNOW IT---
BUT GRUNDY THINKS I'M A BRAIN!
WELL, I THINK YOU'RE STUPID!
THAT'S GOING TO CATCH UP WITH YOU SOONER OR LATER!
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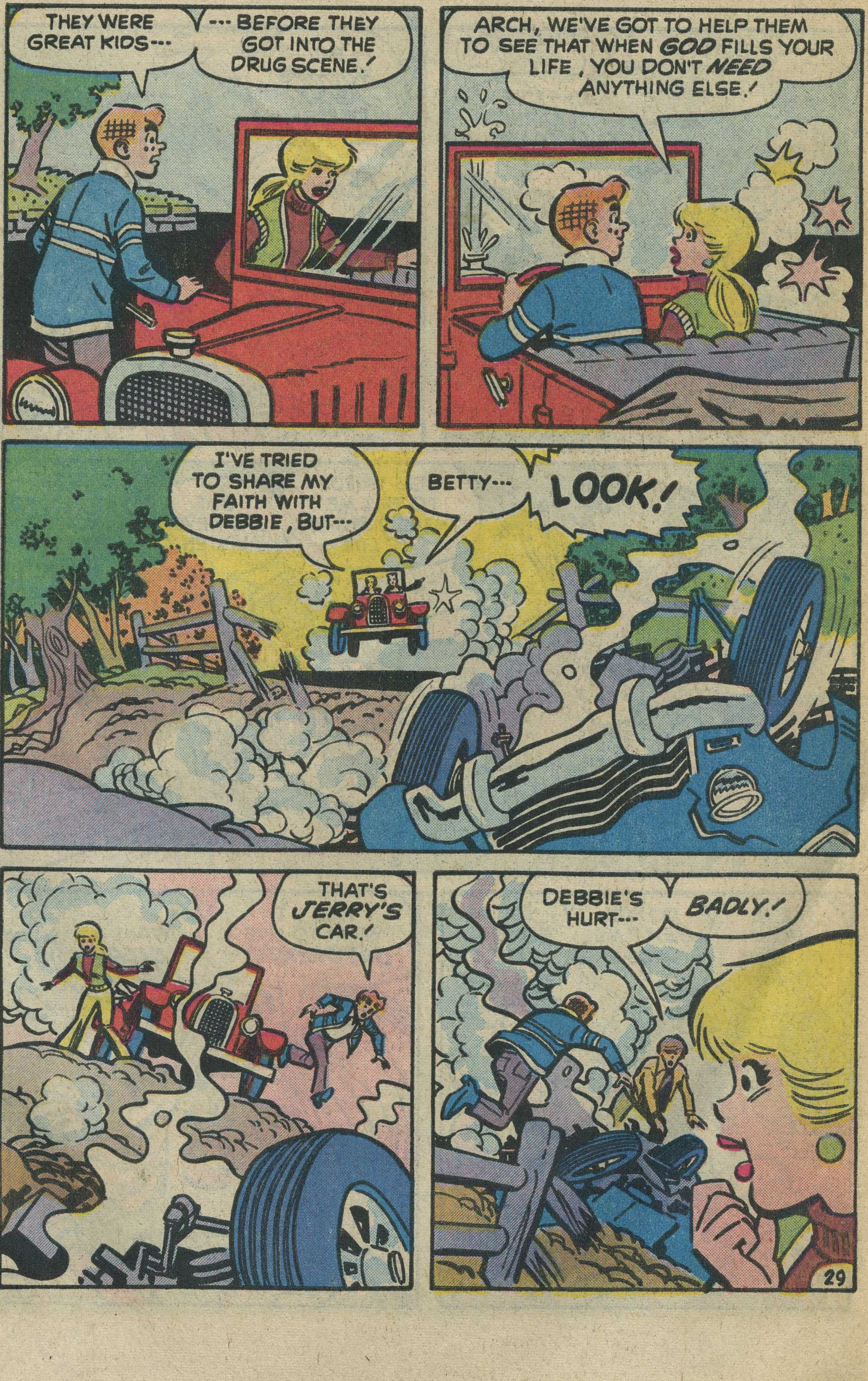

EVERYBODY'S GOT A LITTLE SOMETHING GOING.!
NOBODY'S ON THE LEVEL ANYMORE.!
WELL, I TRY TO BE.!
MAN .!!!
ARE YOU A SQUARE!
YOU'RE OUT OF STEP WITH THE WHOLE WORLD.!
MAYBE I CAN'T HELP WHAT SOMEONE ELSE DOES, JERRY---
BUT I'M RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT I DO.!
OH, COME OFF IT, ARCH.!
I'M SORRY, JERRY--- I CAN'T GO ALONG WITH THE CROWD WHEN THEY'RE NOT GOING GOD'S WAY!
ZIP
WELL, THEN--- IT'S GOING TO BE PRETTY LONELY, ARCHIE---
JUST YOU AND GOD!
I GUESS I BLEW THAT.!
I'M NOT VERY GOOD AT WITNESSING.!
HANG IN THERE, ARCH---
JERRY MAY NOT AGREE WITH YOU---
BUT GOD DOES.!
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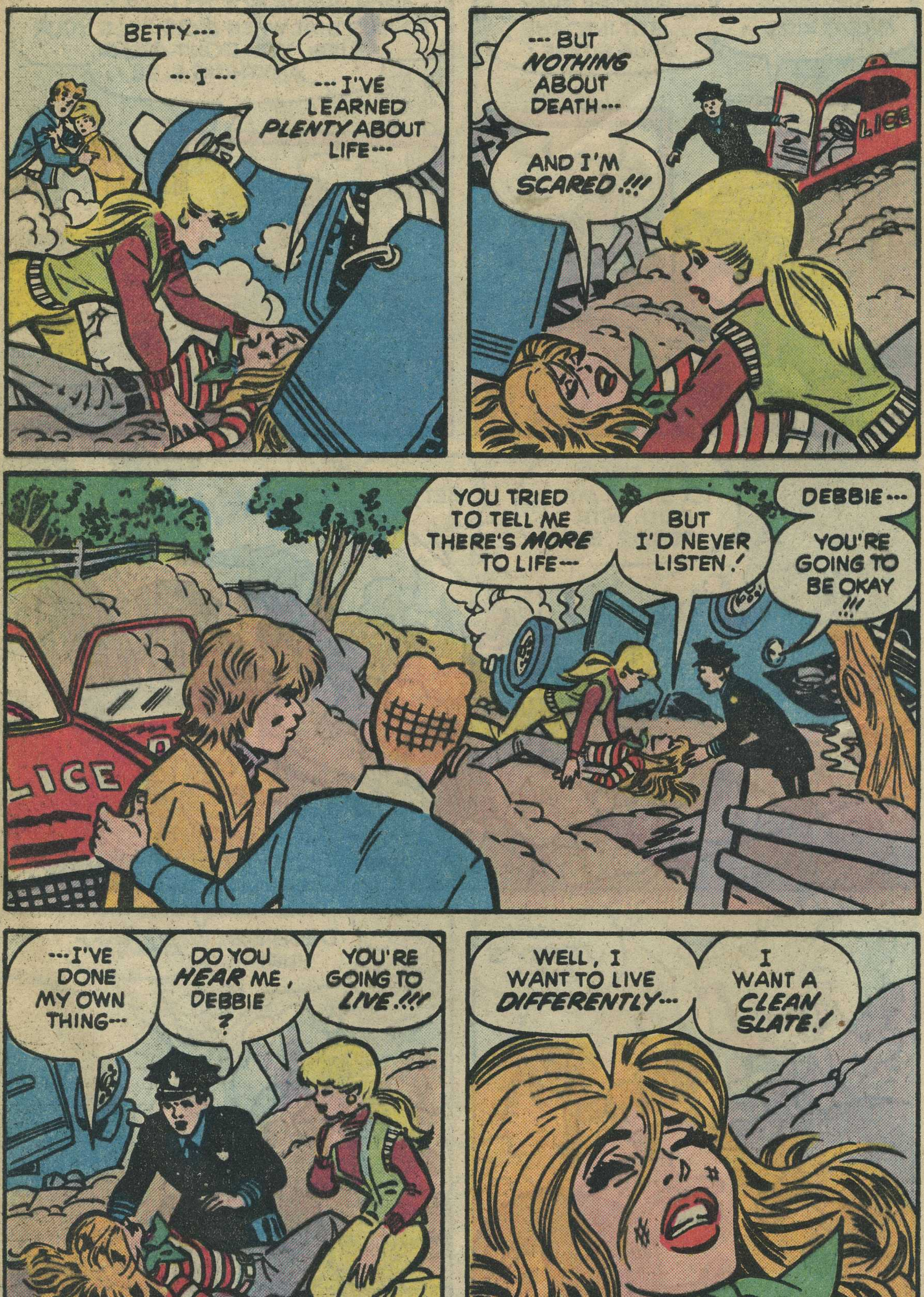

Professor Flutesnoot!
FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS, MAN WAS SURE THAT THE EARTH WAS THE CENTER OF THE UNIVERSE!
THEN IN 1500 A.D. A YOUNG POLE NAMED COPERNICUS DISCOVERED THE TRUTH!
NOTHING REVOLVES
THE SUN IS THE CENTER OF THE UNIVERSE!
BUT THAT OLD, FALSE THEORY IS STILL WITH US--- WITH A SLIGHT VARIATION---
I AM THE CENTER OF THE UNIVERSE!!!
EVERYTHING EXISTS FOR ME!
I AM MY OWN GOD!
SO HOW COME I'M NOT HAPPY ???
A SELF-CENTERED LIFE IS AN EMPTY LIFE!!!
COPERNICUS CURED CELESTIAL MYOPIA!
AND CHRIST CURES SPIRITUAL BLINDNESS!
26
JESUS SAYS:
ANYONE WHO LIVES HIS LIFE SELFISHLY WILL LOSE IT---
BUT ANYONE WHO GIVES HIS LIFE TO ME, WILL FIND IT.
MATTHEW 16.25


Archie
FINAL EXAM
THERE THEY GO---
MR. CLEAN AND THE FAIRY PRINCESS!
RIVERDA
TELL ME---
DOES YOUR HALO EVER GIVE YOU A HEADACHE?
IT MUST BE AWFUL---
GOING TO SCHOOL WITH US SINNERS!
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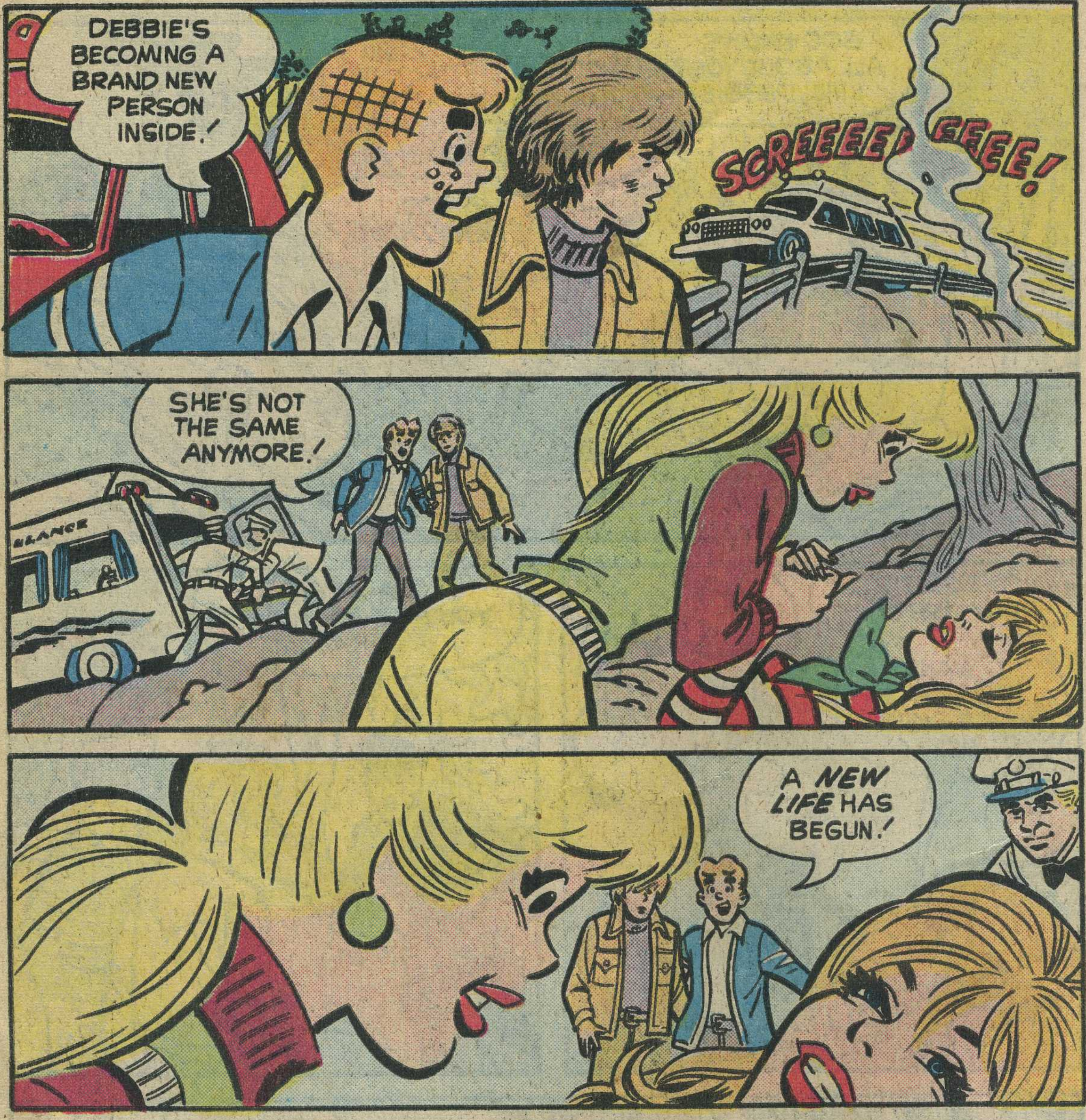


COME ON, ARCHIE---
WHY DON'T YOU TRY A NEW LIFE-STYLE---
AND LIVE A LITTLE ?
YOU KNOW HOW I FEEL ABOUT DRUGS AND LIQUOR, JERRY!
MAN!
YOU REALLY ARE OUT OF IT!!!
JERRY---
---LET ME TAKE YOU HOME---
---YOU SHOULDN'T DRIVE NOW!
LET'S SPLIT, JERRY---
BEFORE HE STARTS TO PREACH!
SO LONG, SAINT ARCHIE!
HAH! HAH!
FLOOR IT, JERRY!
ZOOOM


THEY WERE GREAT KIDS---
--- BEFORE THEY GOT INTO THE DRUG SCENE.!
ARCH, WE'VE GOT TO HELP THEM TO SEE THAT WHEN GOD FILLS YOUR LIFE, YOU DON'T NEED ANYTHING ELSE.!
I'VE TRIED TO SHARE MY FAITH WITH DEBBIE, BUT---
BETTY---
LOOK!
THAT'S JERRY'S CAR.!
DEBBIE'S HURT---
BADLY.!


BETTY---
--- I ---
--- I'VE LEARNED PLENTY ABOUT LIFE---
--- BUT NOTHING ABOUT DEATH---
AND I'M SCARED!!!
YOU TRIED TO TELL ME THERE'S MORE TO LIFE---
BUT I'D NEVER LISTEN!
DEBBIE---
YOU'RE GOING TO BE OKAY!!!
---I'VE DONE MY OWN THING---
DO YOU HEAR ME, DEBBIE?
YOU'RE GOING TO LIVE!!!
WELL, I WANT TO LIVE DIFFERENTLY---
I WANT A CLEAN SLATE!
30


GOD KNOWS ALL ABOUT YOUR LIFE, DEBBIE---
---AND HE'S WILLING TO FORGIVE YOU---
---FOR EVERYTHING!
THEN LET'S PRAY, BETTY---
I WANT TO SETTLE THINGS RIGHT NOW!
IT'S A MIRACLE YOU'RE BOTH ALIVE, JERRY!
AND WE'RE WATCHING ANOTHER MIRACLE RIGHT NOW!
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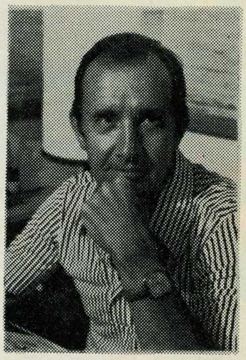
YOU CAN READ GOD'S EXCITING PROMISE IN II CORINTHIANS 5:17

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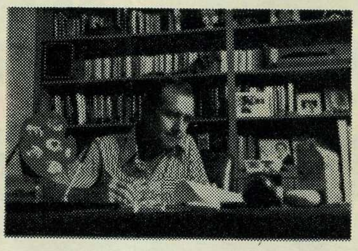


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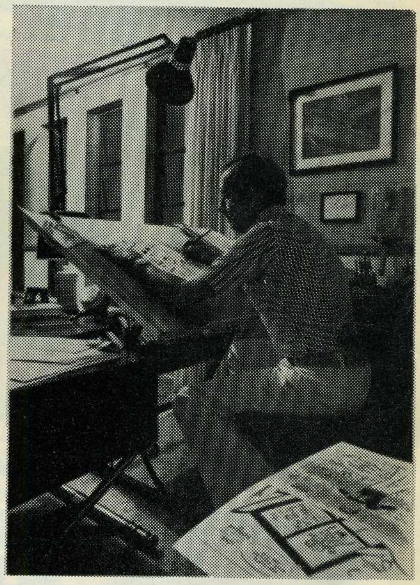


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